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Health Care Administrative Rules Update – 4.211 Augmentative Communication Devices and Systems

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) filed a final proposed rule with the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) to amend the following administrative rule for Medicaid covered services:

4.211 Augmentative Communication Devices and Systems (replaces Medicaid Covered Services Rule 7507)

- This rule defines coverage for augmentative and alternative communication devices and systems. Amendments to the current rule include clarifying requirements and coverage for communication devices.
- The initial public comment period on this proposed rule went from December 7, 2016 to January 16, 2017 (see [GCR proposed policy 16-120](#)). A public hearing was held January 9, 2017.
- AHS reviewed comments received and amended the rule. Due to the number of comments received and the nature of the amendments to the proposed rule, the Agency held a second public comment period from February 21 to March 31, 2017 (see [GCR proposed policy 17-013](#)). A second public hearing was held on March 24, 2017. No further comments were received.

Effective Date:

This final proposed rule was filed with the Secretary of State on April 21, 2017. The rule will not become effective until the administrative rulemaking process is complete.

Authority/Legal Basis:

Adopting and rulemaking: 3 V.S.A. § 801(b) (11), 33 V.S.A. § 1901(a)(1).

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Public Comment Period:

The second public comment period was open until March 31, 2017. No further comments were received. For comments and responses following the first public comment period please see the link below.

Additional Information:

- The [HCAR final proposed rules](#) are available on the AHS website.
- [A summary of public comments received](#) and AHS responses can be viewed electronically at this link.
- The SOS references the proposed rules on its website as:
 - Rule 16P083 Augmentative Communication Devices and Systems. The posting can be viewed electronically at the [Secretary of State's website](#).
- The [HCAR rules](#) that are currently in effect.
- The [DVHA rules](#) that are currently in effect.
- [More information about the rulemaking process](#) from the Office of the Secretary of State's website.